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ConAgra recalls peanut butter containers nationwide

The Consumer Health Services Division of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture is warning Wyoming residents not to eat peanut butter from certain containers of Peter Pan or Great Value peanut butter due to the risk of contamination with *Salmonella* Tennessee, a bacterium that causes foodborne illness.

The affected containers of Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter have a product code on the lid that begins with the number "2111". Both of these brands are manufactured by ConAgra in a single facility in Georgia. Great Value peanut butter made by other manufacturers is not affected.

ConAgra has issued a recall of the affected jars of peanut butter. The company is also destroying all affected containers in their possession and will cease production until the cause of contamination can be identified and eliminated.

If consumers have containers of this Peter Pan or Great Value peanut butter that have been purchased since May 2006, they should either discard it or contact the store where it was purchased.

Symptoms of foodborne illness caused by *Salmonella* include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Life threatening infections can result in people with poor health or weakened immune systems. People who experience these symptoms should contact their doctor immediately. These illnesses should also be reported to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture or a local health department.

"Persons with illness compatible with *Salmonella* infection, such as diarrhea, fever, abdominal cramps, and possibly vomiting, that last several days or is unusually severe should consult their healthcare provider," said Dr. Tracy Murphy, State Epidemiologist for the Wyoming Department of Health. Healthcare providers and laboratories who diagnose *Salmonella* in a patient should report the illness to the Wyoming Department of Health.

The Food and Drug Administration has reported that 288 cases of foodborne illness in 39 states have been linked to the affected peanut butter. There have not been any cases in Wyoming, although recalled containers have been found on the shelves of several Wyoming stores.

For more information, please contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-7211. Consumers may also contact ConAgra at (866) 344-6970.

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